

## **Ancient Painters: Art in Rock Art**

*Lower grade level art application activity*

### **Art Detectives:**

1. What color is used to paint most of the paintings?
2. What are the rock paintings painted on?
3. Where are these photographs taken?
4. List all the animals you see in the pictures:
5. Which was your favorite picture? Why?
6. What two methods were used to make these pictures?
7. Draw some of the symbols you see in the rock art:
8. Who were these pictures created by?
9. When were they created?
10. Why was it important for the photographer, Craig Law, to take all these pictures?
11. What forces of nature are destroying some of these works of art?
12. Which three tribes of Native Americans are probably the ancestors of these ancient artists?
13. Read about one of the art works – what did you learn?
14. How many pictographs are in this collection?
15. How many petroglyphs?

## Answers to Art Detective:

1. What color is used to paint most of the paintings?  
*Red ochre, sometimes white, green, yellow, blue and black*
2. What are the rock paintings painted on?  
*Cliffs, under overhangs, rock walls*
3. Where are these photographs taken?  
*Utah*
4. List all the animals you see in the pictures:  
*Sheep, snakes, deer, insects, birds, lizards, etc*
5. Which was your favorite picture? Why?  
(opinion)
6. What two methods were used to make these pictures?  
*Pictographs (painted), petroglyphs (carved)*
7. Draw some of the symbols you see in the rock art.
8. Who were these pictures created by?  
*Prehistoric Native American artists*
9. When were they created?  
*The earliest were created around 6750 B.C.*
10. Why was it important for the photographer, Craig Law, to take all these pictures?  
*Weather conditions destroy the pictures, the artist is trying to preserve them for our history*
11. What forces of nature are destroying some of these works of art?  
*Wind and water erosion.*
12. Which three tribes of Native Americans are probably the ancestors of these ancient artists?  
*Hopi, Ute and Paiute.*
13. Read about one of the art works – what did you learn?
14. How many pictographs are in this collection?  
*2*
15. How many petroglyphs?  
*3*